

The Stuff Weaver's CASE against Printing Callicoes Examined.

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It is fallly suggested by the Weavers, that Three hundred thousand Pieces of Callicoes of Twenty Yards long are yearly printed in England.

1. The greatest number of Pieces printed in one Year here, have not exceeded One hundred thousand Pieces.

2. Not one Piece in a Hundred of Callicoes printed, holds Twenty Yards, most of them being Sixteen or Eighteen, and some but Six, Eight and Twelve Yards long.

One third part of these are Exported to *Africa*, and other hot Countries, not in prejudice, but in Joynt Cargoes with English Stuffs, and for such Uses as Stuffs will not serve.

One other third part consumed in *England* in Quilts for Beds, which are stuf with Wool, and in Childrens Frocks, Handkerchiefs and Aprons, in which the Woollen cannot be made useful.

The remaining third part of the printed Callicoes, if Prohibited, would not occasion the Expence of One hundred Loads of Wool in the whole Kingdom; and the poor Printers surely deserve as good Encouragement for their far fetch'd Art, as the Weavers.

So that the Prohibition will do but little good towards the Expence or Consumption of Wool, and only ruin the Printers to enrich the Weavers of thin Stuffs, in which so little Wool is used.

Besides the Weavers work up many of their light Stuffs with Silk, Foreign Yarn, Foreign Thread, Turkish Mohair, Cotton, and other Commodities Imported from abroad.

And also, there are several Manufactures set up in *Holland* since the late Prohibition of *Indian* Silks, of Cotton and Thread, in imitation of several sorts of Strip'd and Chequer'd *Indian* Stuffs which are Prohibited, and also in imitation of Callicoes, which are printed there, and will better serve instead of Callicoes than English Stuffs, whereof above Fourteen thousand Pieces were Imported last Year, as appears by the *Custom-house* Books, and five times more may be expected this, and every Year, if printed Callicoes be Prohibited.

'Tis wonderful how it can be said, That Printing of Callicoes can be *Destructive to the Woollen Manufactures of this Kingdom*. When such thin Stuffs are not made in above three Towns of Note in *England*, and cannot any way be pretend- ed to be used instead of Callicoes, nor be made of like uses, but with frequent washing, will shrink a sixth part in length and breadth, and not hold their printed Colours.

Printed Callicoes have been used in *England*, &c. ever since our Trade to the *East Indies*, So that 'tis a false Pretence, that the bringing this Art over has undone the Weavers, And the Callico Printers have long in vain attempted to print the like on such thin woollen Stuffs as might serve instead of Callicoes And all such useful Arts have by the Laws of this Land hitherto met with better Encouragement, than this now brought to the Perfection of *Indian*, to be thus destroy'd and the Inventors ruin'd

The Weavers Miscalculation.

12500 Packs of Wool, at 240 l. weight each, equivalent to 300000 Pieces of Callico, which really is not 100000 Pieces, and they calculate at 10 l. weight for each English Stuff, which one with another, fit to be worn instead of Callico, does not weigh 5 l.

Custom-House Account.

100000 Pieces of Callicoe, of 15 Yards long one with another, valued at the Custom-House, at 15 s. per Piece, pays 32 l. & an half per Cent. Custom is	l.	s.	d.
Deduct the Draw-back for Exported, except 2 & an half per Cent.	22790	12	6
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Refs to Her Majesty. 15290 12 6

Which will be lost to the Nation if the Bill passes.

Therefore deduct 2 thirds, of the 12500 Packs, there being scarce 100000 Pieces of Callicoes instead of 300000.

Deduct 1/4 part more of the remaining 1 third, for that the Pieces are not 15 Yards long one with another

Refs if all were Wool, and the Pieces held, 10 l. weight

But these thin Stuffs to be used as Callicoes, weigh not above 5 l. weight, each 40 Yards, so the Weavers have over calculated

And above 1 third part of the residue ought to be deducted for what foreign Materials are used in such light Stuffs, and what Callicoes will still be printed for hot Countreys.

So the most of English Wool is not above

Which at 6 d. per l. is worth but 6000 l. if it could be made of equal use with Callicoe.

Packs.

8333 1/3

1041 2/3

9375

3125

12500

1562 1/3

But it may be feared the Dutch Manufacture will supply this, and the Prohibition do good to none but them; for the English Stuffs will not serve instead of the Callicoes Exported to the hot Countreys, nor for many Uses in *England*: for the stained or printed Stuffs will not wash, hold their Lengths, Breadths or Colours.

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